

**BEFORE THE JUDICIAL PANEL
ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION**

**In re Guidant Corp. Implantable
Defibrillators Products Liability
Litigation**

MDL No. 1708

TWENTY-SEVENTH NOTICE OF POTENTIAL TAG-ALONG ACTIONS

Pursuant to Rule 7.5(e) of the Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, Defendants Guidant Corporation, Guidant Sales Corporation and Cardiac Pacemakers, Inc. hereby respectfully notify the Clerk of the Panel of potential tag-along actions as set forth below and state as follows:

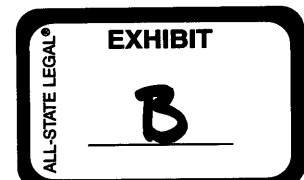
1. By Motion to Transfer dated June 14, 2005, Plaintiff Darcy Munson sought consolidation and coordination of several actions as set forth in the Schedule of Actions attached thereto.

2. By Transfer Order dated November 7, 2005, the Panel ordered that the actions subject to the Motion for Transfer be transferred to the District Court for the District of Minnesota and assigned to the Honorable Donovan W. Frank for coordinated and consolidated pretrial proceedings.

3. The following potential tag-along actions, like those actions identified in the original Schedule of Actions attached to Munson's Motion to Transfer, are pending in federal courts and involve allegations of injuries from cardiac medical devices:

- **FLORIDA**

- *Patterson, Harriett vs. Guidant Corporation, et al.*, Case No. 3:06-cv-511 (USDC MD FL) filed on June 6, 2006;

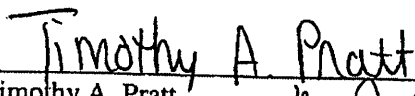


- MAINE
 - *Caron, Donna vs. Guidant Corporation*; Case No. 1:06-cv-70 (USDC ME) filed on June 2, 2006;
- TEXAS
 - *Ballard, Mary vs. Guidant Corporation, et al.*; Case No. 3:06-cv-0985 (USDC ND TX) filed on June 5, 2006;
- UTAH
 - *Hunt, Jeffrey, et al. vs. Guidant Corporation, et al.*; Case No. 2:06-cv-00446 (USDC UT) removed on June 5, 2006.

4. Transfer of the potential tag-along actions to the District of Minnesota for consolidated and coordinated pre-trial proceedings is therefore appropriate for the same reasons as set forth in this Panel's Transfer Order.

5. Copies of the Complaints in these cases are attached hereto for the Panel's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,


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PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 9, 2006, a copy of the Twenty-Seventh Notice of Potential Tag-Along Actions was served on counsel listed below, via U.S. Mail.

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